



# Cumberland County Recycling Bulletin

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## Why is recycling important to Cumberland County and its Citizens?

Due to the advent of individually packaged products intended for a single use such as water bottles, soda cans and snack bars, we have exponentially grown our rate of trash production. These products are convenient and help individuals and families on the go save food and beverage preparation time but they are also filling our landfills faster than ever.

Recycling is an easy, common-sense way to divert many of the materials from the landfill while also saving energy, money and slowing our natural resource consumption.



## How do I recycle in Cumberland County?

Due to our smaller population and large distance between homes in Cumberland County we are not able to provide "curbside" pick-up as most urban localities do. Fortunately however we do have three transfer station locations (**Hamilton, Madison, and Randolph**) within the county where it is easy to recycle.

The hours of operation for these transfer stations are:

**Monday – Saturday** 8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.  
**Sunday** 1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.

Upon entering either the Hamilton, Madison or Randolph transfer stations you will be directed by the attendant onsite to the location of the recycling bins.

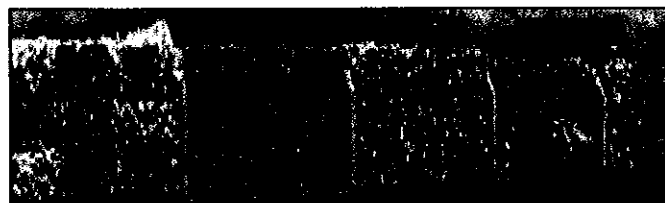
## What Happens To The Items You Recycle?

After items are left at the transfer stations they are then picked-up by various organization for item specific recycling.

- Currently Arena Trucking, Inc. picks up cardboard and cardboard products as well as shredded office paper, newspaper and plastic jugs and usually takes them to STEPS, Inc. to be recycled.
- Metal Products are picked-up and recycled by J&J Salvage where they are then melted down and used to create additional products.
- Plastics are picked up from STEPS by a company called TREKS to find new life as composite decking or other plastic products.
- Glass finds new life as swimming pool filters or asphalt aggregate.
- Paper products are recycled into other paper products, for example recycled newspaper can be used for printing new newspapers or can become insulation and animal bedding products.

## What is STEPS?

STEPS is non-profit organization that provides job training and employment opportunities for people who have physical, mental, or economic difficulties and live within the counties of Amelia, Appomattox, Brunswick, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, or Prince Edward. STEPS has two manufacturing and training facilities, with one in Farmville and one in Victoria. Cumberland's items for recycling are taken to the STEPS facility in Farmville.



## What can I recycle?

The **Hamilton, Madison, and Randolph** transfer stations are currently able to accept the following items:



**Cardboard** - Includes cereal boxes, packaging boxes including corrugated boxes and milk & juice containers etc.



**Paper** - Newspapers, magazines, notebook paper and many other paper products.



**Plastics** - Gallon milk jugs, soda bottles, water bottles, detergent, soap bottles etc.



**Glass** - Food jars and bottles. Please separate the brown glass, other colored glass and clear glass containers



**Metals** - Aluminum cans and foil, Tin Cans, empty paint containers, and paint containers containing **DRIED paint only**. Lawnmowers without Engines and flat scrap metal



**Appliances that do NOT have a compressor**  
(Washer, Dryers, Stoves, Water Heaters, Microwaves & Dishwashers.)



**Appliances with compressors -  
Madison District Station ONLY**  
(Refrigerators, A/C Units and Freezers)



**Tires - Madison District Station ONLY**  
\*There is currently a fee for tire recycling except on Tire Amnesty day.

- 1 Standard passenger car or light truck tire - No charge
- 2 or more standard passenger car or light truck tire - \$1.00 per tire
- Large truck tire (tractor trailer/dump truck) - \$5.00 per tire
- Off-road heavy equipment tire - \$25.00 per tire
- Tractor tire (rear) - \$25.00 per tire
- Added price for rim disposal - \$5.00 per rim

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## **Other recyclable items not currently accepted at transfer stations:**

The Cumberland County transfer stations are currently not able to receive motor oil, car batteries or shopping bags. However, some local businesses are currently accepting them.

Motor Oil & Batteries - Can be recycled at any area Napa location.

Plastic Shopping Bags - Can be recycled at any area Wal-Mart.

Every other year, Cumberland holds a hazardous waste recycling day, or Haz-Mat day. On this day, citizens can turn in items including paint, pesticides, batteries, and oil to be recycled safely.

## **County Recycling Days**

Usually once a year Cumberland County holds a Tire Amnesty Day. On this day, local businesses and citizens with old tires can recycle as many as 50 tires each for free. Throughout the year, a trailer for recycling tires is located at the Madison Transfer Station. However, there is a cost to recycle tires. On Tire Amnesty Day, there are five trailers located at the Randolph Fire House and Community Center and citizens can recycle up to 50 tires at no cost.

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Please check with your local transfer station or contact Cumberland County for Tire Amnesty Day and Haz-Mat day information.



On Tire Amnesty Day 2008, citizens filled five trailers with old tires to be recycled.

## **Citizen Involvement In County Recycling Effort**

The Cumberland County Recycling Taskforce Committee is one way that citizens can get involved in the recycling effort. Citizens are encouraged to recycle, support and attend the recycling committee meetings. (For more information on the recycling committee contact Andrew Sorrell in the Department of Planning & Zoning.

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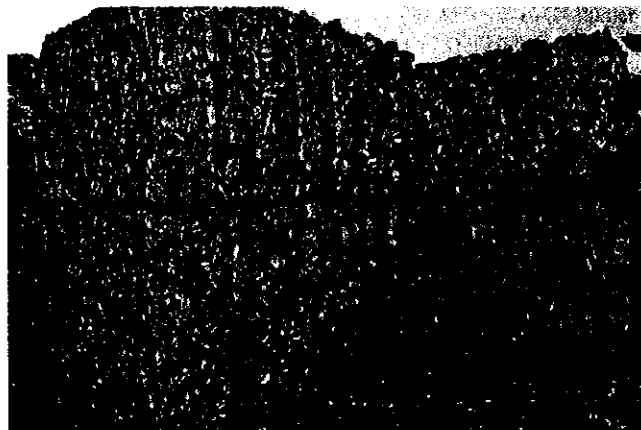
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## **Recycling Programs & Cumberland High School Recycling Club**

Cumberland County is working closely with the Cumberland County High School Recycling Club to educate students and citizens on the environment and individual responsibility. Cumberland High School is aiding the County in developing an effective recycling system for all of the offices in the Courthouse complex.



## **For Additional Information please visit the following websites:**

*Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Recycling Webpage*  
The DEQ recycling website has information on litter prevention, waste management, recycling rates, as well as how to recycle items like motor oil, plastic bags, and electronics.  
<http://www.deq.state.va.us/recycle/>

### *Fluorescent Light Bulb Use*

This site has frequently asked questions on information about compact fluorescent light bulbs and mercury.  
[http://www.energystar.gov/ia/partners/promotions/change\\_light/downloads/Fact\\_Sheet\\_Mercury.pdf](http://www.energystar.gov/ia/partners/promotions/change_light/downloads/Fact_Sheet_Mercury.pdf)

### *Earth 911*

This site gives information on recycling as well as how to live the green lifestyle. Includes other information on how to recycle or donate electronics. There is also a teacher/student section on recycling.  
<http://earth911.org/>

### *Reduce Plastic Bag Use*

This site offers information on how to reduce, reuse, and recycle plastic bags.  
<http://www.greatgreengoods.com/2006/08/20/fyi-recycled-plastic-bags/>

### *Recycling Facts*

This site lists interesting facts and figures about recycling different products including paper, plastic, rubber, styrofoam, glass, etc.  
<http://www.oberlin.edu/recycle/facts.html>